

1 CHAIRMAN JAMES: I should go ahead and let the public
2 know that it is our intention to go through our business section
3 very quickly and then to suspend the rest of the meeting agenda
4 for the rest of the day.

5 We do have three commissioners who are planning to be
6 here overnight, and what we're going to do is to take a vote to
7 suspend the rules -- is that correct?

8 MR. TERWILLIGER: Yes.

9 CHAIRMAN JAMES: -- suspend the rules so that those
10 three commissioners can receive testimony while the other
11 commissioners are trying to make travel arrangements and make
12 sure that they can get their cars out, and that sort of thing.
13 That testimony will be made available to the entire Commission
14 and any member of the public who would like to hear that
15 testimony. But I think in the interest of public safety, it
16 would not be wise for us to hold people in this room today when
17 they need to be making arrangements.

18 COMMISSIONER WILHELM: Kay?

19 CHAIRMAN JAMES: Yes.

20 COMMISSIONER WILHELM: If I could just ask the Chair,
21 for the benefit of the small group left, was it your intention
22 that those of who remain should hear all of the scheduled
23 testimony or just testimony that individuals wish to go ahead and
24 give today?

25 CHAIRMAN JAMES: I would say any of the testimony
26 that individuals wish to give today, and what I mean by that is
27 if someone, even on a panel, has traveled, wants to present that
28 testimony, that they should have the opportunity to do that, so

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1 we would be operating with a smaller Commission than we normally
2 would.

3 And we're going to take a break and then give the
4 staff the opportunity to try to figure out exactly what that is
5 and who that is and what that would look like.

6 COMMISSIONER WILHELM: Thank you.

7 CHAIRMAN JAMES: But anyone who wants to have the
8 opportunity to go ahead today, I want them to have the privilege
9 of doing that.

10 COMMISSIONER DOBSON: For the record, I think it
11 should be noted that the written testimony, though, will be
12 included.

13 CHAIRMAN JAMES: The written testimony will be --
14 several things will happen: one, it will be mailed to all of the
15 commissioners; it will be entered into the public record; and
16 would be made available to any member of the press or the public
17 who would like to see it. In other words, it would be as open a
18 process as we can possibly make it.

19 Any other questions about that?

20 (No response.)

21 CHAIRMAN JAMES: I just want to go through a few
22 quick business items. If I could get you to look at the minutes,
23 are there any corrections or additions or changes that need to be
24 made to the minutes?

25 COMMISSIONER WILHELM: I move approval.

26 COMMISSIONER LANNI: Second.

27 CHAIRMAN JAMES: All in favor?

28 (A chorus of ayes.)

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1 CHAIRMAN JAMES: Thank you.

2 I am going to ask the executive director if he can
3 give a very amended -- if there's anything that you'd like to say
4 Tim, stay where you are, don't move -- amended executive
5 director's report.

6 Before you do that, I'd like to go ahead and bring
7 Dr. Kelly's name before the Commission to be confirmed as the
8 executive director of the Gambling Commission, and to take us
9 through the final part of this process. Can I get a motion?

10 COMMISSIONER LANNI: I'll second that motion.

11 CHAIRMAN JAMES: Thank you. All in favor?

12 (A chorus of ayes.)

13 CHAIRMAN JAMES: Any opposed?

14 (No response.)

15 CHAIRMAN JAMES: Thank you.

16 Congratulations -- I think.

17 (Laughter.)

18 CHAIRMAN JAMES: With that, Dr. Kelly, would you give
19 an abbreviated executive director's report, but anything that the
20 Commission members want to ask questions about or see, feel free
21 to contact him directly and we can take care of that.

22 COMMISSIONER LEONE: Very abbreviated if you want to
23 keep us dry.

24 (Laughter.)

25 DR. KELLY: This could be a brief high water moment
26 for me. I will be quick.

27 I did want to call your attention to the fact that we
28 are moving into preparation for our final site hearing in Nevada,

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1 as you know. We will be finalizing arrangements in the coming
2 weeks.

3 The panel topics that have been proposed so far are
4 five. Let me just remind you what those are for our final site
5 hearing in Las Vegas: Sports Gambling; Youth and Adolescent
6 Gambling; Convenience/Neighborhood Gambling; Credit Availability;
7 and Slot Clubs.

8 If there is a desire on anybody's part to add or
9 subtract to that, this would be a good time to have that
10 discussion. Beyond that, staff will be contacting you in the
11 week to come and we hope to have your feedback for suggested
12 panelists for our final site hearing in Vegas within a week, if
13 at all possible. Now, that is by Friday, September 18.

14 COMMISSIONER WILHELM: On the subject of the Las
15 Vegas agenda, since it's our last site visit, I would just ask
16 the Chair -- we don't need to decide this now, but to consider,
17 in formulating and finalizing the agenda, whether there might be
18 some subjects that should be addressed by way of clean-up or
19 finalization, even though they may not be on that list of topics.

20 CHAIRMAN JAMES: Absolutely. And I am going to be
21 sending to your offices next week a suggested meeting schedule
22 for the rest of 1999. Along with that will come a request that
23 any topics that you would like to discuss that we have not
24 discussed can be a part of that process as well.

25 DR. KELLY: Anything else on that topic?

26 Next year's meetings, staff will also be contacting
27 you to begin finalizing dates for next year's meetings -- that

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1 is, as we roll into 1999; so we'll be contacting you shortly and
2 turn our attention to that final part of our scheduling.

3 Report sub-committee. I was just going to mention
4 that the report sub-committee, of course, held its second meeting
5 this morning and has begun preparing for this final phase of the
6 Commission -- that is, the report writing phase. And I guess
7 we'll be hearing on that soon here.

8 As far as research issues are concerned, as you will
9 hear during the research progress report -- if we're going to do
10 that -- or perhaps we could just call everybody's attention to
11 the progress report that's in there under Tab 6. All major
12 contracts have been let, all contractors are proceeding apace.
13 In fact, you will soon hear the results -- would have soon heard
14 the results from the first of our completed work. That is Dr.
15 Adam Rose, who is here to give us a report. Basically, our first
16 results are in and we had planned to report on those today.

17 I did want to let you know that the packet that I
18 distributed to you came from FINCEN. This was on the table
19 yesterday. That's the Financial Crime Enforcement Network.
20 Basically, in preparing for the Gambling and Crime panel, we came
21 across several sources of information that I think are going to
22 be very interesting for you. The packet I left you yesterday
23 resulted from one of those sources -- which FINCEN is actually a
24 Treasury Department.

25 We also received a packet yesterday from the Federal
26 Casino Crimes Task Force which is located in Pascagoula,
27 Mississippi, and they sent us a packet which I will be
28 photocopying and sending to you once we get back to the office.

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1 CHAIRMAN JAMES: I've asked staff not to sort through
2 that stuff, just copy it and send it so that you will have the
3 benefit of all of the information.

4 DR. KELLY: Right. I was going to mention the Native
5 American sub-committee meeting. Is that still scheduled for
6 tomorrow?

7 CHAIRMAN JAMES: Dr. Moore?

8 COMMISSIONER MOORE: It's still scheduled, but if no
9 one shows up, we won't. The only reason it's still scheduled, I
10 think, is because the three of us on the sub-committee are going
11 to be here overnight anyway.

12 CHAIRMAN JAMES: Thank you.

13 COMMISSIONER MCCARTHY: Madame Chair, I spoke to Dr.
14 Kelly about including on the Las Vegas agenda, because we've been
15 touching so much on regional economy, some kind of -- at least a
16 relatively short presentation on the California-Nevada dynamic
17 back and forth between the two. I mean, when we were in
18 Mississippi, 75 percent of their gamblers come from out of state;
19 that's a little more complicated. But I thought we could at
20 least try to touch on that in the Las Vegas hearing with a few
21 speakers.

22 CHAIRMAN JAMES: Certainly.

23 DR. KELLY: So we will add that to the list? Okay.

24 I was just going to introduce everyone to our newest
25 staff person, who is, I guess, probably outside helping right now
26 arranging a bus. The budget is in the book. Really, that's it.
27 I was going to mention that we've had an amazing number of hits

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1 on our website, over 27,000 in July alone. And I'll just stop
2 there. If there are any questions, I'll be glad to answer them.

3 CHAIRMAN JAMES: Thank you.

4 What I want to do at this point is to put us in
5 recess. I do need a vote on suspending the rules. I will let
6 our general counsel explain how that legally works, and then I
7 would be happy to entertain a motion.

8 MR. TERWILLIGER: We operate under Roberts Rules of
9 Order, and if someone were to make a motion to suspend the rules
10 to permit a Commission meeting of less than the quorum this
11 afternoon for the sole purpose of taking further testimony, that
12 motion would be in order. It's not a debatable motion; it can be
13 made once and voted up or down.

14 COMMISSIONER MCCARTHY: So moved.

15 COMMISSIONER WILHELM: Second.

16 CHAIRMAN JAMES: All in favor?

17 (A chorus of ayes.)

18 CHAIRMAN JAMES: Thank you. And we are going to take
19 about a 15-minute break. And I want to announce to the
20 commissioners that the sheriff of Jefferson Parish is here and
21 working on getting a county bus that will take commissioners to
22 the airport.

23 COMMISSIONER WILHELM: I call what's left of the
24 Commission to order. For the record, prior to this last recess,
25 the Chair advised all in attendance that in the interest of
26 public safety that the rest of the agenda for today would be
27 suspended, and a motion was made and passed to suspend the rules
28 of the Commission; and myself -- my name is John Wilhelm --

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1 Commissioner Loescher and Commissioner Moore were delegated by
2 the Chair to continue the hearing for the purpose of receiving
3 testimony from any of those who were scheduled to speak with the
4 Commission this afternoon who still wish to go forward with your
5 testimony.

6 We very much appreciate the fact that some of you
7 have come from a considerable distance to present information and
8 testimony to the Commission, and we're certainly willing to stay
9 just as long as needed this afternoon to receive the testimony
10 from all of you who are still interested in doing that.

11 I don't want you to feel that your testimony is
12 reduced in value because of the fact that some of the
13 commissioners, along with others in the public, have left. Your
14 testimony will be made a part of the record and transcript of the
15 Commission. To the extent that you have any written testimony
16 that you have already submitted or that you do submit today, it
17 will be made a part of the record, and copies of your written
18 testimony will be distributed to all of the commissioners and to
19 anyone else in the public who is interested.

20 So we very much appreciate several of you being here,
21 and I want you to be confident that your testimony will be just
22 as valuable and given just as much weight as if the entire
23 Commission was here.

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